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REPORT OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE

THE PROBLEM

1. To study and report on the future status of Psychological Warfare, to review World War II efforts in Psychological Warfare, and recommend:

a. A peacetime organization for keeping psychological warfare in a ready form mobilization status

b. A wartime psychological warfare organization;

Both organizations to be assigned such directives as will ensure effective planning, coordination and implementation, particularly with respect to the integration of National Psychological Warfare with military plans

FACTS BEARING ON THE PROBLEM AND DISCUSSION

2. Clarification of terms:

Political Warfare, Psychological Warfare, "Black" and "White" - Tab A.

3. See Tab B for Discussion covering

a. Analysis of shortcomings in the Structure and Conduct of Psychological Warfare in World War II.

b. Estimate of the Effectiveness of Allied Psychological Warfare in World War II.

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NSC review(s) completed.

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c. The transition from Peacetime Information to Wartime Psychological Warfare.

d. Recommendations for the Creation of a Wartime Psychological Warfare Organization.

CONCLUSIONS

4. It is concluded that:

a. Psychological Warfare is an important factor in the achievement of national aims and military objectives.

b. The State Department has the primary responsibility for national policy determination in psychological warfare.

c. The Army and the Navy have a direct interest in psychological warfare policy determination, ~~particularly insofar as this policy~~ which affects the military security of the United States. CIG has an interest in the intelligence and other aspects of P.W.

e f. There is need for a permanent sub-committee of SWNCC to serve as a planning body to study continuously the problems of psychological warfare, and to recommend the measures required to achieve coordinated direction of psychological warfare in time of war.

f g. This Sub-committee should be limited in its functions to study, and planning the structure and the functions of a Psychological Warfare organization which should become operative ~~[redacted]~~ in time of War or earlier as directed by the President

g h. All appropriate agencies of the government should be re-

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quired to assist in implementation of approved psychological warfare plans.

h. The implementation of psychological warfare plans and directives in a military theater of operations, is the active responsibility of the Theater Commander concerned.

RECOMMENDATIONS

5. It is recommended that:

a. The SWNCC approve the CONCLUSIONS in paragraph 4, above.

b. The SWNCC transmit to the President for information:

(1) This Report, and

(2) A draft Charter for the proposed Sub-committee, and, for approval, a draft Executive Order giving effect to the Charter and to the conclusions of the report.

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Drafts of the Letter of Transmittal, the Charter, and the Executive Order at at Tab C.

c. After favorable action by the President on b, preceding, this report be transmitted to the State, War and Navy Departments, and the Director, Central Intelligence Group, for guidance and appropriate measures of implementation.

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